

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

May 3, 2016

ROLL CALL: Present were members Dr. Laura Kressler, Stan Zirkin, Eunice Pierre, William James and Cindy Comproni. Also present were City Liaison Mary Johnson and Captain Tom Kemp. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members not in attendance were Matt Inzeo and Mary Thomas.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Security Cameras Citywide – A tour of the Greenbelt Police Departments (GPD) Dispatch area was conducted. The Roosevelt Center cameras and the Spellman overpass cameras were not working. The Roosevelt Center cameras have not been working since the new system was installed. The Spellman overpass camera stopped working the morning of May 3rd. The Springhill Lake Recreation cameras lack the ability to zoom in properly in order to read license plates.

The Communication Specialist said since the new software was installed the picture is better but the ability to zoom is not as good. They thought that training on the new software would have aided them.

Captain Kemp said that the software allows the ability to access cameras on any computer which has the software.

PSAC then went to the City of Hyattsville, MD to learn about their security camera system. Lt. Pervis, City of Hyattsville met with PSAC. Lt. Pervis stated that they received a \$200,000 grant from Target and purchased 9 cameras and 7 emergency call boxes.

The fixed cameras are pan-tilt-zoom cameras. These cameras have the ability to pivot up, down and side to side, remote operation, night vision, vandal proofing and weatherproofing. The initial costs of these cameras were \$15,000. These cameras were set up wirelessly and were slow.

The City of Hyattsville has begun using 360 cameras. These cameras have the ability to view a 360 radius, have a clear picture, can be easily mounted on a telephone pole, etc., weatherproof and have night vision. Lt. Pervis said light pollution affects the cameras.

Since upgrading to a new system a camera now costs \$4,000, uses radio signals to transmit the signal and retention is based on the hard drive capacity. The estimated cost is \$30,000 a year to revamp the system with the cost of \$20,000 for the maintenance of the camera and technical support for 18 cameras.

Training of City personnel is included in the contract. The City owns the camera and has a 3 to 5 year warranty on the cameras. The highest megapixel is 5. Technical support comes out within 48 hours of a reported problem.

Lt. Pervis has started a partnership with private businesses in order to cut the cost of the cameras in half.

The City is using J & M Security Solutions for the cameras.

The cameras are housed in dispatch and are displayed with 3 monitors on the wall.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: There will be another meeting in May, the date of which is to be determined.